Revised Edition

A collection of songs from the musical stage, categorized by voice type. The selections are presented in their authentic settings, excerpted from the original vocal scores.

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Mezzo-Soprano/Belter Volume 2

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Foreword

It is apparent to me that the most important and lasting body of performable American music for singers has come from the musical theatre and musical film. The classical tradition as it has been continued in the United States has produced few major composers who have written extensively for the voice, composing a relatively small body of sometimes profound and beautiful literature, but often relevant only to specialized audiences.

In pre-rock era popular traditions, the songs that were not written for the stage or film are largely inferior in quality to those written for Broadway and Hollywood (although there are plenty of exceptions to this general rule). Perhaps the reason is simply that the top talent was attracted and nurtured by those two venues, and inspired by the best performers. But it's also possible that writing for a character playing some sort of scene, no matter how thin the dramatic context (sometimes undetectable), has inherently produced better songs. Compare a Rodgers and Hart ballad from the 1930s (which are all from musicals) to just an average pop ballad from that time not from the stage or screen, if you can dig one up, and you might see what I mean. Popular music of the rock era, primarily performers writing dance music for themselves to record, is almost a completely different aesthetic, and is most often ungratifying for the average singer to present in a typical performance with piano accompaniment.

The five volumes that comprise the original edition of *The Singer's Musical Theatre Anthology*, released in 1986, contain many of the most famous songs for a voice type, as well as being peppered with some more unusual choices. Volume Two of the series allows a deeper investigation into the available literature. This revised edition (2000) adds some significant songs. I have attempted to include a wide range of music, appealing to many different tastes and musical and vocal needs. As in the first volumes, whenever possible the songs are presented in what is their most authentic setting, excerpted from the vocal score or piano/rehearsal score, in the key originally performed and with the original piano accompaniment arrangement (which is really a representation of the orchestra, of course, although Kurt Weill was practically the only Broadway composer to orchestrate his own shows). A student of this subject will notice that these accompaniments are quite a bit different from the standard sheet music arrangements that were published of many of these songs, where the melody is put into a simplified piano part and moved into a convenient and easy piano key, without much regard to vocal range.

In the mezzo-soprano/belter volumes, I have restricted the choices to songs for a belting range, although they don't necessarily need to be belted, and put any songs sung in what theatre people call "head voice" or "soprano voice" in the soprano volumes. Classically trained mezzo-sopranos will be comfortable with many of the songs in the soprano books.

The "original" keys are presented here, although that often means only the most comfortable key for the original performer. Transpositions for this music are perfectly acceptable. Some songs in these volumes might be successfully sung by any voice type. Classical singers and teachers using these books should remember that the soprano tessitura of this style of material, which often seems very low, was a deliberate aesthetic choice, aimed at clarity of diction, often done to avoid a cultured sound in a singing voice inappropriate to the desired character of the song and role, keeping what I term a Broadway ingenue range. Barbara Cook and Julie Andrews are famous examples of this kind of soprano, with singing concentrated in an expressive and strong middle voice.

Richard Walters, editor May, 2000

ABOUT THE SHOWS

ALLEGRO

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers

LYRICS AND BOOK: Oscar Hammerstein II

DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: Agnes de Mille **OPENED:** 10/10/47, New York; a run of 315 performances

The third Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, *Allegro* was their first with a story that had not been based on a previous source. It was a particularly ambitious undertaking, with a theme dealing with the corrupting effect of big institutions on the young and idealistic. The saga is told through the life of a doctor, Joseph Taylor Jr., from his birth in a small midwestern town to his 35th year. We follow Joe's progress as he grows up, goes to school, marries a local belle, joins the staff of a large Chicago hospital that panders to wealthy hypochondriacs, discovers that his wife is unfaithful, and, in the end, returns to his home town with his adoring nurse, Emily, to rededicate his life to healing the sick and helping the needy. The show's innovations included a Greek chorus to comment on the action both to the actors and the audience, and the use of multi-level performaing areas with abstract sets. "The Gentleman Is a Dope" is sung by Emily about Joe near the end of the show, just before they declare their affection for one another.

ANYONE CAN WHISTLE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim

BOOK: Arthur Laurents
DIRECTOR: Arthur Laurents
CHOREOGRAPHER: Herbert Ross

OPENED: 4/4/64, New York; a run of 9 performances

Something of a "cult" musical, *Anyone Can Whistle* is an allegorical satire about a corrupt mayor of a bankrupt town who comes up with a scheme to attract tourists: a fake miracle in which a stream of water appears to spout out of a solid rock. The town soon becomes a mecca for the gullible and the pious, but the hoax is exposed when the inmates of a mental institution called the Cookie Jar get mixed up with the pilgrims. Fay is the head nurse at the Cookie Jar, so inhibited that she can't whistle. She sings "There Won't Be Trumpets" about an expectant hero to rescue both her and the situation. The song was cut from the show while on the road and wasn't heard on Broadway. The New York run featured Angela Lansbury in her first Broadway musical, Lee Remick and Harry Guardino.

ANYTHING GOES

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Cole Porter

BOOK: Guy Bolton & P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse

DIRECTOR: Howard Lindsay CHOREOGRAPHER: Robert Alton

OPENED: 11/21/34, New York; a run of 420 performances

Cole Porter's best score of the 1930s is a fun-filled story taking place on an ocean liner about a group of oddball characters, including a nightclub singer, an enamoured stow away, a debutante, and an underworld criminal disguised as a clergyman. Featuring a fresh, young Ethel Merman, the show was one of the biggest hits of its time, containing such hits as the title song, "You're the Top," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," and "All Through the Night." Anything Goes played Off Broadway in a 1962 production (239 performances), and enjoyed its biggest success in a 1987 Broadway revival starring Patti LuPone (804 performances). There is a 1936 filmed version, and another movie from 1956 with the title Anything Goes, but which bears little resemblance to the original. An excellent new recording, faithful to the 1934 original production, was released in the 1980s featuring Frederica Von Stade, Cris Groenendaal, and Kim Criswell.

BABES IN ARMS

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers LYRICS: Lorenz Hart

BOOK: Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart

DIRECTOR: Robert Sinclair

CHOREOGRAPHER: George Balanchine

OPENED: 4/14/37, New York; a run of 289 performances

With such songs as "I Wish I Were in Love Again," "Johnny One Note," "The Lady Is a Tramp," "My Funny Valentine," and "Where or When," *Babes in Arms* could claim more hits than any other Rodgers and Hart musical. In the high-spirited, youthful show, a group of teenagers, whose parents are out-of-work vaudevillians, stage a revue to keep from being sent to a work farm. Unfortunately, the show is a bomb. Later, when a transatlantic French flyer lands nearby, they are able to attract enough publicity to put on a successful show and build their own youth center. Because the sets were modest and the cast boasted no stellar names, producer Dwight Deere Wiman priced his tickets at a bargain \$3.85 top. In 1959 the plot of the show was revised, the characters names were changed, and the song list slightly altered. (There was never much plot anyway.) The 1939 movie version featured Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney.

BALLROOM

MUSIC: Billy Goldenberg

LYRICS: Alan and Marilyn Bergman

BOOK: Jerome Kass

DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Bennett

Ballroom, an extravagant Michael Bennett production, was one of the most expensive productions ever to reach Broadway, highly fanfared before its New York opening, then closed after a very brief run. The spirit of the show rode on the nostalgia wave of the 1970s. "Fifty Percent" was the show's standout song, and has become a standard of sorts in theatre circles.

BELLS ARE RINGING

MUSIC: Jule Styne

BOOK AND LYRICS: Betty Comden and Adolph Green

DIRECTOR: Jerome Robbins

CHOREOGRAPHERS: Jerome Robbins and Bob Fosse **OPENED:** 11/29/56, New York; a run of 924 performances

Ever since appearing together in a nightclub revue, Betty Comden and Adolph Green had wanted to write a musical for their friend, Judy Holliday. The idea they eventually hit upon was to cast Miss Holliday as a meddlesome operator at a telephone answering service who gets involved with her clients' lives. She is in fact so helpful to one, a playwright in need of inspiration, that they meet, fall in love—though through it all she conceals her true identity—dance and sing in the subway, and entertain fellow New Yorkers in Central Park. At last she confesses that she's the operator, and they go off to loveland. "The Party's Over" is sung when she realizes she has to tell Jeff who she is, and she believes he'll dump her. A film version was made that is virtually the stage show on film, with Dean Martin playing opposite Miss Holliday.

CHESS

MUSIC: Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus

LYRICS: Tim Rice

BOOK: Richard Nelson, based on an idea by Tim Rice

DIRECTOR: Trevor Nunn

CHOREOGRAPHER: Lynne Taylor-Corbett

OPENED: 4/28/88, New York; a run of 68 performances

There have been musicals about the cold war (Leave It to Me!, Silk Stockings), but Chess was the first to treat the conflict seriously, using an international chess match as a metaphor. The idea originated with Tim Rice who first tried to interest his former partner, Andrew Lloyd Webber, in the project. When that failed, he approached Andersson and Ulvaeus, writers and singers with the Swedish pop group ABBA. Like Jesus Christ Superstar and Evita, Chess originated as a successful record album before it became a stage production. Trevor Nunn took over directing the show when Michael Bennett withdrew because of illness. The London production was a high tech spectacle, rock opera type presentation. The libretto was revised for New York, and a different production approach was tried. "Someone Else's Story" was added for the Broadway run. The story is a romantic triangle with a Bobby Fischer type American chess champion, a Russian opponent who defects to the West, and the Hungarian born American woman who transfers her affections from the American to the Russian without bringing happiness to anyone. Though the show ran three years in London, it never made back its initial investment there. It lost \$6,000,000 in New York.

A CHORUS LINE

MUSIC: Marvin Hamlisch LYRICS: Edward Kleban

BOOK: James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante

DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Bennett

OPENED: 4/15/75, New York

Beginning with the deceptively simple premise of an audition for chorus dancers, *A Chorus Line* eventually proves to be an interesting examination of the dancer's thoughts and feelings, shown in monologues, dialogues, solo songs, and ensembles. Created as a workshop production in Joseph Papp's Public Theatre, the show, like *Company* and *Follies* before it, has no traditional plot, and has been widely imitated. *A Chorus Line* is the longest running production in Broadway history (exceeded only by the Off-Broadway institution, The Fantasticks), with a run of 15 years.

COMPANY

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim

BOOK: George Furth
DIRECTOR: Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Bennett

OPENED: 4/26/70, New York; a run of 706 performances

Company was the first of the Sondheim musicals to have been directed by Harold Prince, and more than any other musical reflects America in the 1970s. The show is a plotless evening about five affluent couples living in a Manhattan apartment building and their excessively protective feeling about a charming, but somewhat indifferent bachelor named Bobby. They want to fix him up and see him married. In the end he seems ready to take the plunge. The songs are often very sophisticated, expressing the ambivalent or caustic attitudes of fashionable New Yorkers.

EVITA

MUSIC: Andrew Lloyd Webber

LYRICS: Tim Rice

DIRECTOR: Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Larry Fuller

OPENED: 6/23/78, London; a run of 2,900 performances. 9/25/79, New York; a run of 1,567 performances

Because of its great success in London, *Evita* was practically a pre-sold hit when it began its run on Broadway. Based on the events in the life of Argentina's strong-willed leader, Eva Peron, the musical—with Patti LuPone in the title role in New York—traced her rise from struggling actress to wife of dictator Juan Peron (Bob Gunton), and virtual co-ruler of the country. Part of the concept of the show is to have a slightly misplaced Che Guevera (played by Mandy Patinkin) as a narrator and conscience to the story of Eva's quick, greedy rise to power and her early death from cancer. "I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You" is what Eva sings to Peron just a minute after their first meeting.

FUNNY GIRL

MUSIC: Jule Styne LYRICS: Bob Merrill BOOK: Isabel Lennart

DIRECTORS: Garson Kanin and Jerome Robbins

CHOREOGRAPHER: Carol Haney

OPENED: 3/26/64, New York; a run of 1,348 performances

The funny girl of the title refers to Fanny Brice, one of Broadway's legendary clowns, and the story, told mostly in flash-back, covers her discovery by impresario Florenz Ziegfeld, her triumphs in the Ziegfeld Follies, her stormy marriage to smooth-talking con man Nick Arnstein, and the breakup of the couple after Nick has served time for stock swindling. Film producer Ray Stark, Miss Brice's son-in-law, had long wanted to make a movie based on the Fanny Brice story, but the original screenplay convinced him that it should first be done on the stage. At one time or another Mary Martin, Carol Burnett, and Anne Bancroft were announced for the leading role, but the assignment went to 22-year-old Barbra Streisand, whose only other Broadway experience had been in a supporting part in *I Can Get It for You Wholesale*. However, Streisand, through performances in clubs and on television and recording had already begun her fast ascent to stardom, and she was hardly an unknown on the opening night of *Funny Girl*. The 1968 movie version, directed by William Wyler and Herbert Ross, was Miss Streisand's auspicious film debut.

GOOD NEWS

MUSIC: Ray Henderson

LYRICS: B. G. DeSylva and Lew Brown BOOK: Laurence Schwab and B. G. DeSylva

DIRECTOR: Edgar MacGregor

CHOREOGRAPHER: Bobby Connolly

OPENED: 9/6/27, New York; a run of 557 performances

Good News inaugurated a series of bright and breezy DeSylva, Brown and Henderson musical comedies that captured the fast-paced spirit of America's flaming youth of the 1920s. In this collegiate caper, the setting is Tait College where the student body is composed of flappers and sheiks, and where the biggest issue is whether the school's football hero will be allowed to play in the big game against Colton despite his failing grade in astronomy. It's all silly, good-natured fun. There was an unsuccessful revival on Broadway in 1974 with Alice Faye and Gene Nelson. The MGM movie version of 1947 starred June Allyson, Peter Lawford and Mel Tormé.

GREASE

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

DIRECTOR: Tom Moore

CHOREOGRAPHER: Patricia Birch

OPENED: 2/14/72, New York; a run of 3,388 performances

A surprise runaway hit reflecting the nostalgia fashion of the 1970s, *Grease* is the story of hip greaser Danny and his wholesome girl Sandy Dumbrowski; a loose plot that serves as an excuse for a light-hearted ride through the early rock 'n' roll of the 1950s. The show is currently the third longest running Broadway musical in history, after *A Chorus Line* and *Cats*. The 1978 movie version, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, is one of the top grossing musical movies of all time.

GUYS AND DOLLS

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Frank Loesser BOOK: Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling DIRECTOR: George S. Kaufman CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Kidd

OPENED: 11/24/50, New York; a run of 1,200 performances

Populated by the hard-shelled but soft-centered characters who inhabit the world of writer Damon Runyon, this "Musical Fable of Broadway" tells the tale of how Miss Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission saves the souls of assorted Times Square riff-raff while losing her heart to the smooth-talking gambler, Sky Masterson. A more comic romance involves Nathan Detroit, who runs the "oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York," and Miss Adelaide, the star of the Hot Box nightclub (where she sings "Take Back Your Mink"), to whom he has been engaged for fourteen years, which explains her famous song, "Adelaide's Lament."

Guys and Dolls played on Broadway for 239 performances with an all black cast in 1976. In 1992, an enormously successful revival opened in New York, and a new cast recording was made of the show, with Faith Prince as Miss Adelaide. The 1955 film version stars Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, and Vivian Blaine (the original Miss Adelaide).

GYPSY

MUSIC: Jule Styne

LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim BOOK: Arthur Laurents

DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: Jerome Robbins **OPENED:** 5/21/59, New York; a run of 702 performances

Written for Ethel Merman, who gave the performance of her career as Gypsy Rose Lee's ruthless, domineering mother, Gypsy is one of the great scores in the mature musical comedy tradition. The idea for the musical began with producer David Merrick, who needed to read only one chapter in Miss Lee's autobiography to convince him of its stage potential. Originally, Stephen Sondheim was to have supplied the music as well as the lyrics, but Miss Merman, who had just come from a lukewarm production on Broadway, wanted the more experienced Jule Styne. In the story, Mama Rose is determined to escape from her humdrum life by pushing the vaudeville career of her daughter June. After June runs away to get married, she focuses all her attention on her other daughter, the previously neglected Louise. After a few years Louise turns into celebrated burlesque stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, and Rose suffers a breakdown when she realizes that she is no longer needed in her daughter's career ("Rose's Turn").

Gypsy also enjoyed a successful London engagement in 1973 with Angela Lansbury as Rose. This production opened in New York the following year and ran for 120 performances. Another revival, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the musical, with Tyne Daley in the Merman role, played in New York beginning in 1989 for 477 performances. (A new cast recording was released). A 1962 film version starred, alas, not Merman but Rosalind Russell.

HOUSE OF FLOWERS

MUSIC: Harold Arlen

BOOK LYRICS: Truman Capote

DIRECTOR: Peter Brook **CHOREOGRAPHER:** Herbert Ross

OPENED: 12/20/54, New York; a run of 165 performances

This "musical Mardi Gras" provided a showcase for the talents of Pearl Bailey as Madame Fleur, a Carribean island madame whose "house of flowers" competed with the house of Madame Tango for the patronage of visiting sailors. Complications result when the girl Violet displays a preference for marrying her sweetheart to being sold to one of Fleur's wealthy clients. Capote wrote a short story based on his visits to the lively bordellos at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which became the libretto for his only Broadway musical. Ottilie, originally played by Diahann Carroll, is the innocent girl who leaves the temptations of bordello life.

I CAN GET IT FOR YOU WHOLESALE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Harold Rome

BOOK: Jerome Weidman DIRECTOR: Arthur Laurents CHOREOGRAPHER: Herbert Ross

OPENED: 3/22/62, New York; a run of 300 performances

Harry Bogen, the leading character in the show, is an unscrupulous conniver who uses and misuses people on his way to the top. Based on Jerome Weidman's bestselling novel, which the author adapted for the stage, the musical helped two young actors on their way to the top: Elliott Gould, who played Harry, and Barbra Streisand as the comedic, underappreciated secretary, Miss Marmelstein, in a supporting role and her Broadway debut. Set in New York's garment district in the 1930s, Harry rises in the business world through some shady deals until he finally outsmarts himself. At the end, though, there is a hint of redemption when he gets a new job and his estranged sweetheart, Ruthie, comes back to him. In "Who Knows" Ruthie is obviously trying to nudge her relationship with Harry along a bit.

MAME

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Jerry Herman BOOK: Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

DIRECTOR: Gene Sachs

CHOREOGRAPHER: Onna White

OPENED: 5/24/66, New York; a run of 1,508 performances

Ten years after premiering the comedy based on Patrick Dennis' fictional account of his free-wheeling *Auntie Mame*, playwrights Lawrence and Lee joined forces with Jerry Herman to transform their play into a hit musical. Angela Lansbury, after years of stage and screen performances, finally achieved her stardom in the title role. The show's big ballad, "If He Walked into My Life," is sung by Mame as she thinks that she's damaged her relationship with her now-grown nephew. A 1983 revival, also starring Miss Lansbury, had a brief run on Broadway. A film version, virtually the last old-fashioned musical movie made, was released in 1974, starring Lucille Ball and Robert Preston, and from the original cast, Bea Arthur. The non-musical film of the story, *Auntie Mame*, was released in 1957 and starred Rosalind Russell.

ME AND JULIET

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers

LYRICS AND BOOK: Oscar Hammerstein II

DIRECTOR: George Abbott **CHOREOGRAPHER:** Robert Alton

OPENED: 5/28/53, New York; a run of 358 performances

Me and Juliet was Rodgers and Hammerstein's valentine to show business, with its action — in Kiss Me, Kate fashion — taking place both backstage in a theatre and onstage during the performance of a play. Here the tale concerns a romance between a singer in the chorus and the assistant stage manager, whose newfound bliss is seriously threatened by the jealous electrician. A comic romantic subplot invovles the stage manager and the principal dancer. "We Deserve Each Other" is from the play portion of the show, with contemporary Carmen and Don José characters.

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim

BOOK: George Furth
DIRECTOR: Harold Prince
CHOREOGRAPHER: Larry Fuller

OPENED: 11/16/81, New York; a run of 16 performances

Founded on the George S. Kaufman-Moss Hart play of the same name, *Merrily We Roll Along* is an innovative conception in that it tells its tale backwards—from the present when Franklin Shepard is a rich, famous, but morally compromised film producer and composer, to his idealistic youth when he graduated from high school. The story centers around the enduring and changing friendship between three people. The Broadway production was not a success, but the tuneful score has gained a following.

LES MISÉRABLES

MUSIC: Claude-Michel Schönberg

LYRICS: Herbert Kretzmer and Alain Boublil

ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT: Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel

DIRECTORS: Trevor Nunn and John Caird

CHOREOGRAPHER: Kate Flatt

OPENED: 9/80, Paris; an initial run of 3 months; 10/8/85, London; still running as of 6/1/93;

3/12/87, New York; still running as of 6/1/93

Les Misérables lends a pop opera texture to the 1200 page Victor Hugo epic novel of social injustice and the plight of the downtrodden. The original Parisian version contained only a few songs, and many more were added when the show opened in London. Thus, most of the show's songs were originally written in English. The plot is too rich to capsulize, but centers on Jean Valjean, who has gone to prison in previous years for stealing a loaf of bread, and takes place over several years in the first half of the 19th century. "I Dreamed a Dream" is sung by Fantine, ill and dying. Cosette, secretly in love with Marius, sings "On My Own."

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Rupert Holmes

DIRECTOR: Wilford Leach

CHOREOGRAPHER: Graciela Daniele

OPENED: 12/2/85, New York; a run of 608 performances

Rupert Holmes' lifelong fascination with Charles Dickens' unfinished novel was the catalyst for the play. Since there were no clues as to Drood's murderer or even if a murder had been committed, Holmes decided to let the audience provide the show's ending by voting how it turns out. The writer's second major decision was to offer the musical as if it were being performed by an acting company at London's Music Hall Royale in 1873, complete with such conventions as a Chairman (George Rose) to comment on the action and a woman (Betty Buckley) to play the part of Edwin Drood. The show was notable for the appearance of jazz legend Cleo Laine as the eccentric and mysterious Princess Puffer. On November 13, 1986, in an attempt to attract more theatre-goers, the musical's title was changed to *Drood*.

NINE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Maury Yeston BOOK: Arthur Kopit, Mario Fratti DIRECTOR: Tommy Tune

CHOREOGRAPHERS: Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh OPENED: 5/9/82, New York; a run of 732 performances

The influence of the director-choreographer was emphasized again with Tommy Tune's highly stylized, visually striking production of *Nine*, which, besides being a feast for the eyes is also one of the very few non-Sondheim Broadway scores to have true musical substance and merit from the 1970s and 1980s. The musical evolved from Yeston's fascination with Federico Fellini's semi-autobiographical 1963 film 8 1/2. The story spotlights Guido Contini, a celebrated but tormented director in a mid-life crisis who has come to a Venetian spa for a rest, and his relationships with his wife, his mistress, his protégé, his producer, and his mother. Luisa, Guido's wife, sings about her unusual husband near the beginning of the show in "My Husband Makes Movies."

NO STRINGS

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Richard Rodgers

BOOK: Samuel Taylor

DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER: Joe Layton **OPENED:** 3/15/62, New York; a run of 580 performances

Richard Rodgers' first musical after the death of his partner, Oscar Hammerstein II, and the only Broadway production in his long career for which the composer also served as his own lyricist. *No Strings* offered such innovations as hiding the orchestra backstage, featuring instrumentalists onstage to accompany the singers, having the principals and chorus move scenery and props in full view of the audience, and—to conform to the play's title—eliminating the orchestra's string section. The libretto is of a love affair between a fashion model (Diahann Carroll), and a former Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, now a "Europe bum" (Richard Kiley). In the end, after enjoying the good life in Monte Carlo, Honfleir, Deauville, and St. Tropez, the writer, with no strings attached, returns home to the U.S. Though because of casting, the show was about an interracial romance, this was never commented on in the script. "The Sweetest Sounds" opens the show, sung as a kind of an overture to the evening.

OLIVER!

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Lionel Bart

DIRECTOR: Peter Coe

OPENED: 6/30/60, London; a run of 2,618 performances; 1/6/63, New York; a run of 744 performances

Oliver! established Lionel Bart as Britain's outstanding musical theatre talent of the 1960s when the musical opened in London. Until overtaken by Jesus Christ Superstar, Oliver! set the record as the longest-running musical in British history. Based on Charles Dickens' novel about the orphan Oliver Twist and his adventures as one of Fagin's pickpocketing crew, Oliver! also had the longest run of any British musical presented in New York in the 1960s. The show was revived on Broadway in 1984. In 1968, it was made into an Academy Award-winning movie produced by Columbia. "As Long As He Needs Me" is Nancy's song about her rough and abusive man, Bill Sykes.

ON THE TOWN

MUSIC: Leonard Bernstein

BOOK AND LYRICS: Betty Comden and Adolph Green

DIRECTOR: George Abbott

CHOREOGRAPHER: Jerome Robbins

OPENED: 12/28/44, New York; a run of 463 performances

This major show was the Broadway debut of some very major talents: composer Leonard Bernstein, choreographer Jerome Robbins, and writers Betty Comden and Adolph Green. It was based on the Robbins-Bernstein ballet from the previous year, *Fancy Free*. The story is of three sailors on a 24 hour leave in New York City. They each meet a girl, of course. One of the boys, Chip, meets a cab driver named Hildy. They hit it off. Hildy brings Chip to her apartment, and is anxious to show off her relationship qualifications, and by the way, she can cook too. The 1949 film version largely replaced Bernstein's score.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

MUSIC: Mary Rodgers LYRICS: Marshall Barer

BOOK: Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer

DIRECTOR: George Abbott CHOREOGAPHER: Joe Layton

OPENED: 5/11/59, New York; a run of 460 performances

Once Upon a Mattress was first created as a one act musical by Mary Rodgers (daughter of Richard Rodgers) and Marshall Barer at an adult summer camp. They expanded the work, based on the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," into a full evening's entertainment that is notable as the stage debut of Carol Burnett as Princess Winnifred. Queen Agravain has ruled that her son will only marry someone of royal blood. Winnifred spends a sleepless night, disturbed by one lone pea, planted by the queen, under a pile of mattresses. Actually, an accomplice had secretly stuffed the bed with an arsenol of uncomfortability. In "Shy" Princess Winnifred introduces herself.

PETER PAN

MUSIC: Mark Charlap, additional music by Jule Styne

LYRICS: Carolyn Leigh, additional lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green

DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: Jerome Robbins **OPENED:** 10/20/54, New York; a run of 152 performances

Although many actresses have portrayed Peter Pan in almost as many productions, Mary Martin and this version of the story are perhaps the best known and loved. In spite of a modest run on Broadway, this production found a vast new audience through numerous television broadcasts. Peter Pan was first presented in New York in 1905 with Maude Adams as Peter, revived in 1924 with Marilyn Miller, who added two Jerome Kern songs to the show. In 1950 Jean Arthur played Peter to Boris Karloff's Captain Hook, with five songs by Leonard Bernstein. A 1979 revival of the 1954 musical ran 551 performances and starred Sandy Duncan.

PLAIN AND FANCY

MUSIC: Albert Hague LYRICS: Arnold B. Horwitt

BOOK: Joseph Stein and Will Glickman DIRECTOR: Morton Da Costa CHOREOGRAPHER: Helen Tamiris

OPENED: 1/27/55, New York; a run of 461 performances

The setting of *Plain and Fancy* was Amish country in Pennsylvania, where two worldly New Yorkers (Richard Derr and Shirl Conway) have gone to sell a farm they had inherited—but not before they had a chance to meet the God-fearing people and appreciate their simple but unyielding way of living. The warm and atmospheric score was composed by Albert Hague, familiar to television viewers as the bearded music teacher in the series *Fame*.

THE SECRET GARDEN

MUSIC: Lucy Simon

LYRICS AND BOOK: Marsha Norman DIRECTOR: Susan H. Schulman

CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Lichtefeld **OPENED:** 4/25/91, New York; 706 performances

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the story is of an orphaned child, Mary Lennox, who is sent to live with her uncle Archibald in Yorkshire in the nineteenth century. He is absorbed in grief over the death of his young wife ten years earlier, and the house is gloomy and mysterious. Mary finds her dead aunt's "secret garden," passionately nurtures it to life, and Archie also comes back to life once he can let go of his grief. The song "Hold On" is sung by the warm and caring servant Martha, in her local Yorkshire accent, to the frightened and insecure Mary.

SHE LOVES ME

MUSIC: Jerry Bock
LYRICS: Sheldon Harnick
BOOK: Joe Masteroff
DIRECTOR: Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Carol Haney

OPENED: 4/23/63, New York; a run of 301 performances

The closely integrated, melody drenched score of *She Loves Me* is certainly one of the best ever written for a musical comedy. It was based on a Hungarian play, *Parfumerie*, by Miklos Laszlo, that had already been used as the basis for two films, *The Shop Around the Corner* and *In the Good Old Summertime* (with a change of locale to the U.S.) Set in the 1930s in what could only be Budapest, the tale is of the people who work in Maraczek's Parfumerie, principally the constantly quabbling sales clerk Amalia Balash (Barbara Cook) and the manager Georg Nowack (Daniel Massey). It is soon revealed that they are anonymous pen pals who agree to meet one night at the Café Imperiale, though neither knows the other's identity. Ilona is an illiterate clerk at the store, a comic but attractive recipient of the attention of men. Taking the advice of her friend, Amalia, she makes a trip to the library, and well...The musical is well represented on the original cast album, which on two disks preserves practically every note of the show's music.

SONG AND DANCE

MUSIC: Andrew Lloyd Webber

LYRICS: Don Black, Richard Maltby Jr.
ADAPTATION: Richard Maltby Jr.
DIRECTOR: Richard Maltby Jr.
CHOREOGRAPHER: Peter Martins

OPENED: 9/18/85, New York; a run of 474 performances

The "Dance" of the title originated in 1979 when Andrew Lloyd Webber composed a set of variations on Paganini's A minor Capriccio that seemed to him to be perfect for a ballet. The "Song" originated a year later with a one-woman television show, *Tell Me on a Sunday*, which consisted entirely of musical pieces. Two years after that both works were presented together in London as a full evening's entertainment, now connected with a bit of plot. In New York, this unconventional package won high praise for Bernadette Peters, whose task in Act I was to create, without dialogue or other actors, the character of a free-spirited English girl who has dalliances in America with four men.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim BOOK AND DIRECTION: James Lapine

OPENED: 5/2/84, New York; a run of 604 performances

The centerpiece of this ambitious show is George Seurat's great painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." It is an intimate and personal musical concerned with the creative process itself, its obsessions, consequences, and rewards. The piece received the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1985. An adaptation of the Broadway production (starring Mandy Patinkin and Bernadette Peters) was made for television, and is available for purchase on videotape. "Everybody Loves Louis," sung by Dot after she and George have split up, is about her new beau, Louis, the baker.

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG

MUSIC: Marvin Hamlisch
LYRICS: Carole Bayer Sager

BOOK: Neil Simon

DIRECTOR: Robert Moore

CHOREOGRAPHER: Patricia Birch

OPENED: 2/11/79, New York; a run of 1,082 performances

They're Playing Our Song was based in part on composer Marvin Hamlisch's often tempestuous romance with lyricist Carole Bayer Sager. In the quasi-drame à clef musical, Vernon Gersch, a wise-cracking neurotic song writer, and Sonia Walsk, a wise-cracking, neurotic lyric writer, try to have both a professional and personal relationship, despite constant interruptions caused by telephone calls from Sonia's former lover. To tell their story, the authors hit upon the notion of having only two real characters in the musical, though each has three singing alter egos, and their songs express how they feel about their work as well as about each other.

VICTOR/VICTORIA

MUSIC: Henry Mancini; additonal musical material by Frank Wildhorn

LYRICS: Leslie Bricusse BOOK: Blake Edwards DIRECTOR: Blake Edwards

CHOREOGRAPHER: Rob Marshall

OPENED: 10/25/95, New York; a run of 734 performances

After a 35-year absence, Julie Andrews made her ballyhooed return to Broadway in this stage adaptation of her 1982 film musical, directed and co-written by her husband, Blake Edwards. Desperate for a job in Depression-era Paris, singer Victoria (Andrews) is persuaded by her friend, the aging self-described "drag queen" Toddy, to pose as a female impersonator named Victor—making her a woman pretending to be a man pretending to be a woman. (S)he's a smash, and attracts the attentions of a Chicago gangster who feels strangely attracted to "Victor." The gangster's randy girlfriend tries to rekindle his interest with the comically bawdy "Paris Makes Me Horny," running down a list of other cities and what they're good for—but always returning to the title refrain.

THERE WON'T BE TRUMPETS

from Anyone Can Whistle

Words and Music by STEPHEN SONDHEIM













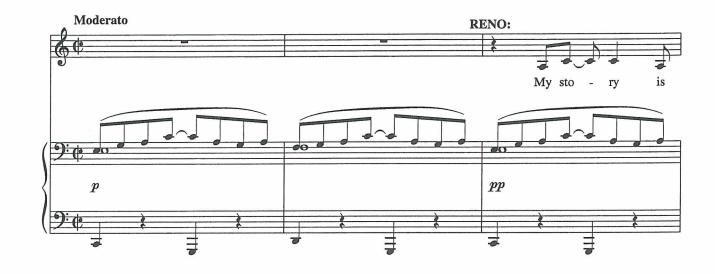


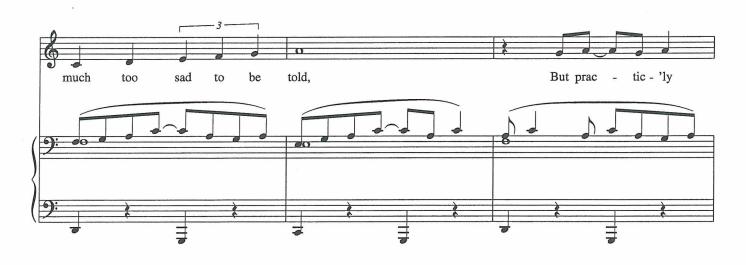


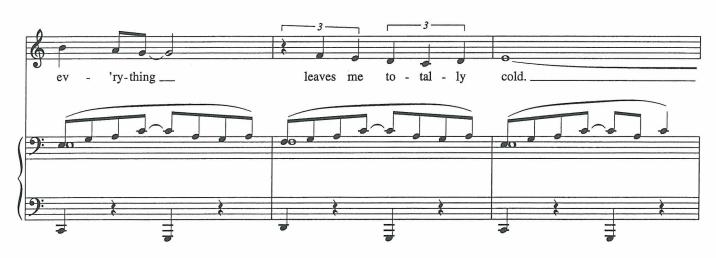
I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU

from Anything Goes

Words and Music by COLE PORTER







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THE GENTLEMAN IS A DOPE

from Allegro











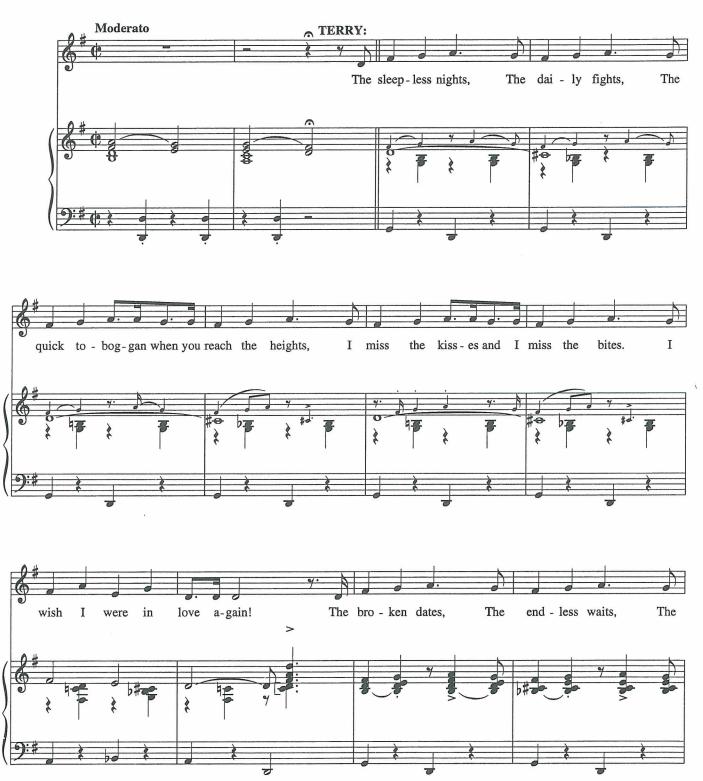




I WISH I WERE IN LOVE AGAIN

from Babes in Arms

Lyrics by LORENZ HART Music by RICHARD RODGERS



This is a duet in the show.









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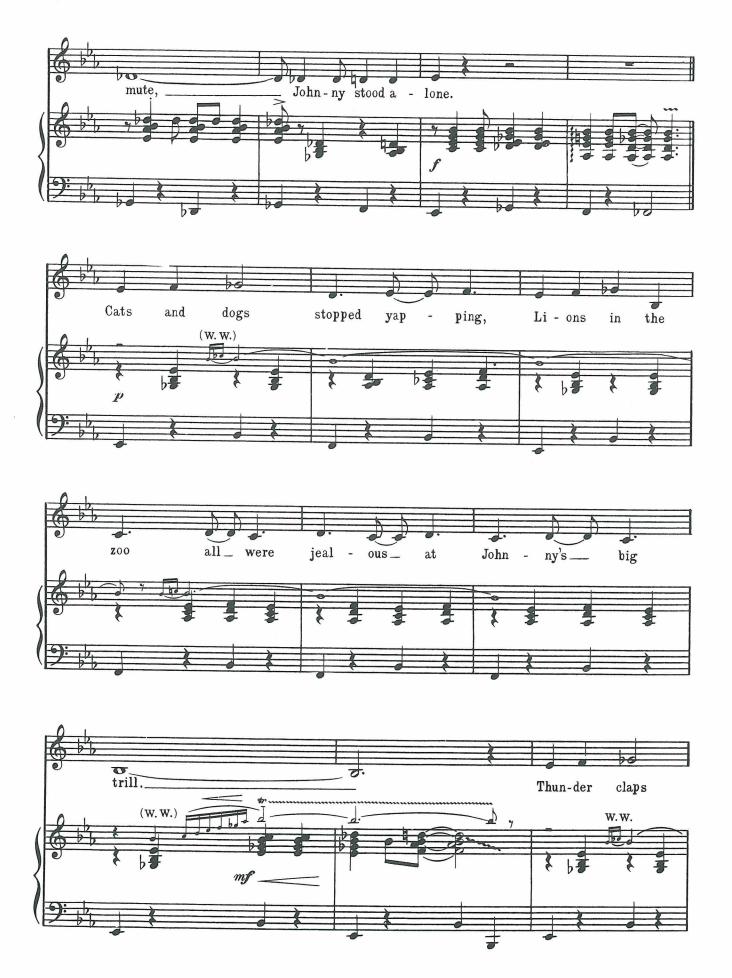
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FIFTY PERCENT

from Ballroom

Lyrics by ALAN and MARILYN BERGMAN Music by BILLY GOLDENBERG







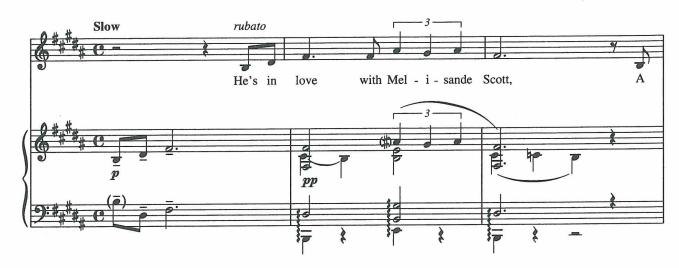


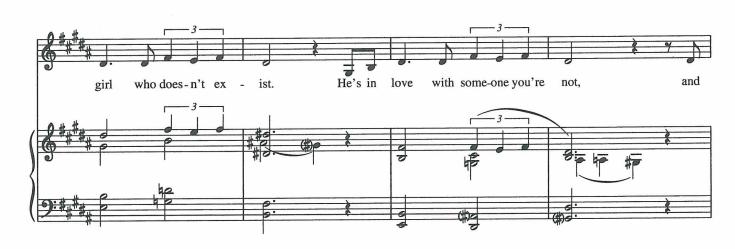


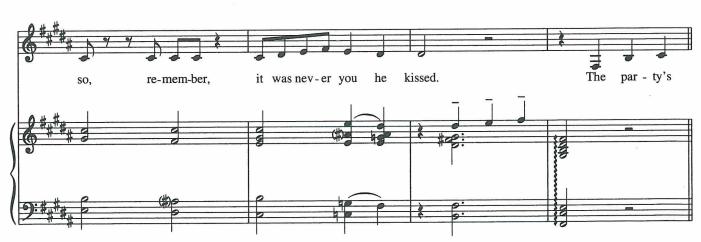
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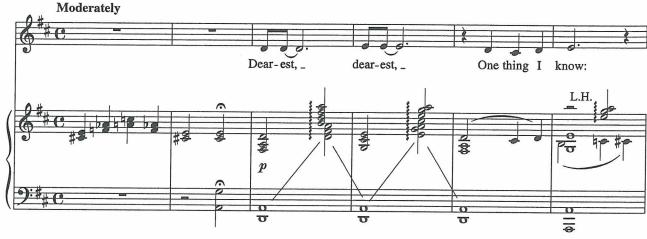




LONG BEFORE I KNEW YOU

from Bells Are Ringing

Lyrics by BETTY COMDEN and ADOLPH GREEN Music by JULE STYNE





*In the show Ella sings portions of this song, but never the entire number.

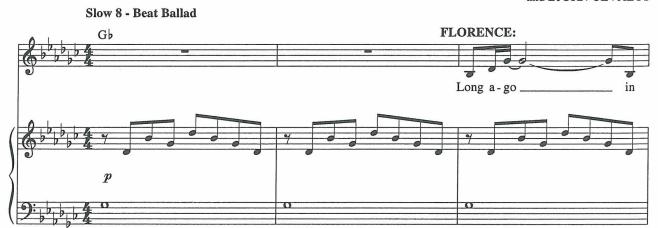


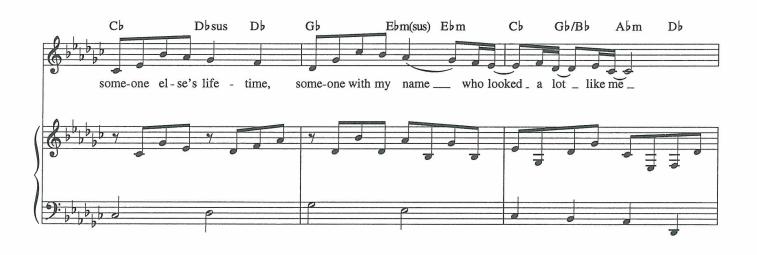


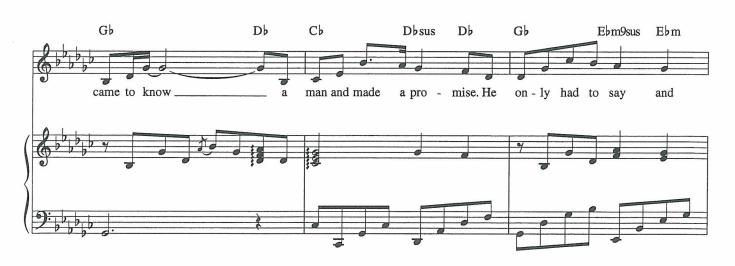
SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY

from Chess

Words and Music by BENNY ANDERSSON, TIM RICE and BJORN ULVAEUS













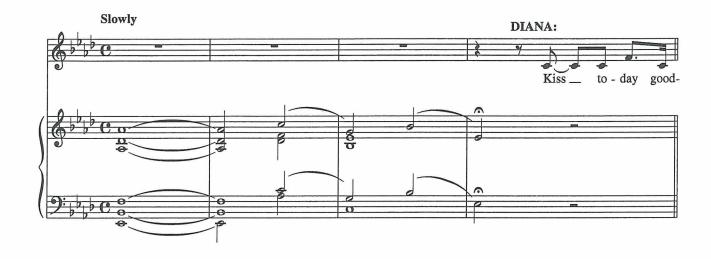


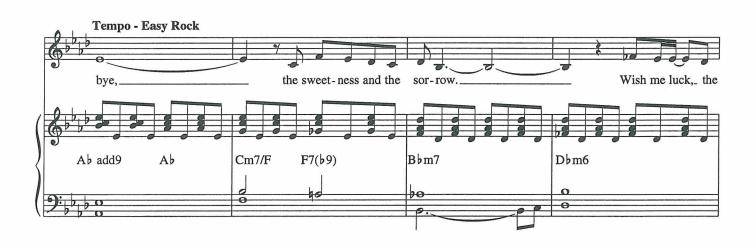


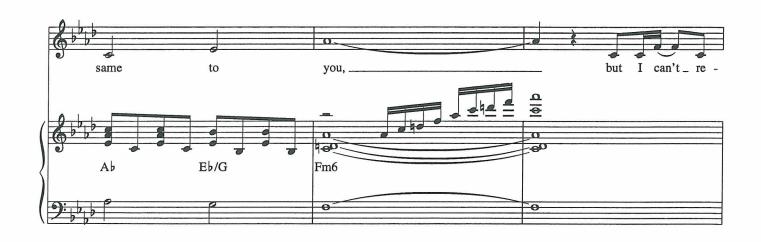
WHAT I DID FUK LUYE

from A Chorus Line

Lyrics by EDWARD KLEBAN Music by MARVIN HAMLISCH

















ANOTHER HUNDRED PEOPLE

from Company







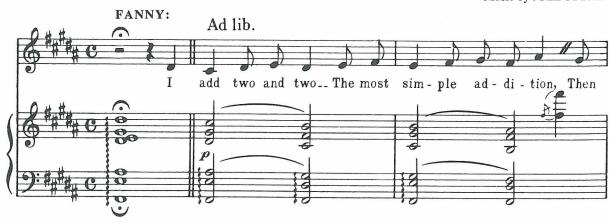




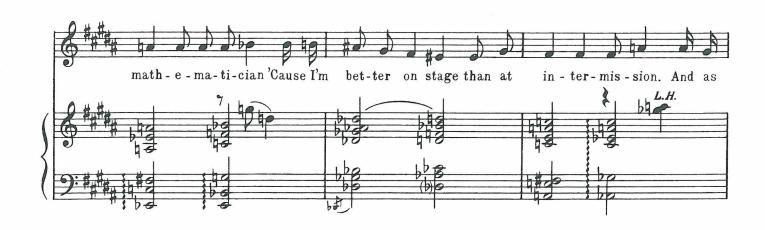
THE MUSIC THAT MAKES ME DANCE

from Funny Girl

Words by BOB MERRILL Music by JULE STYNE







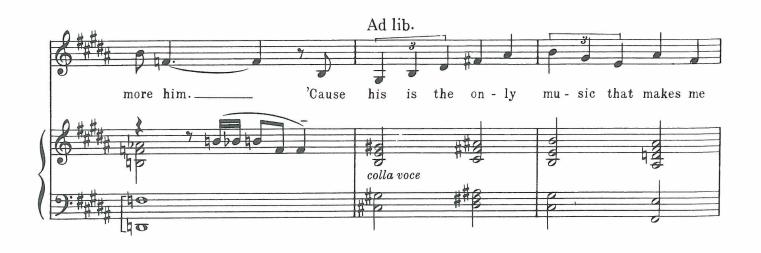




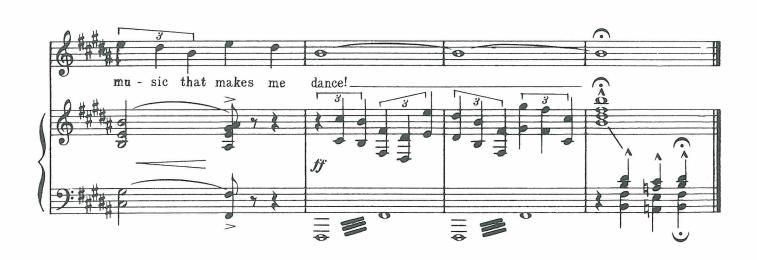








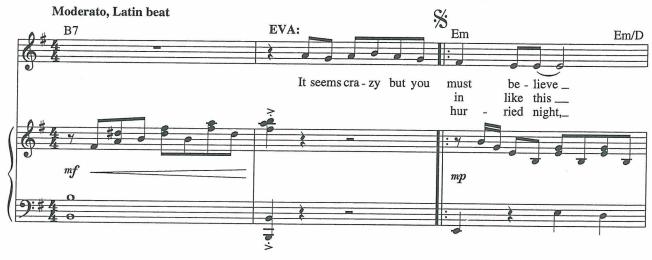


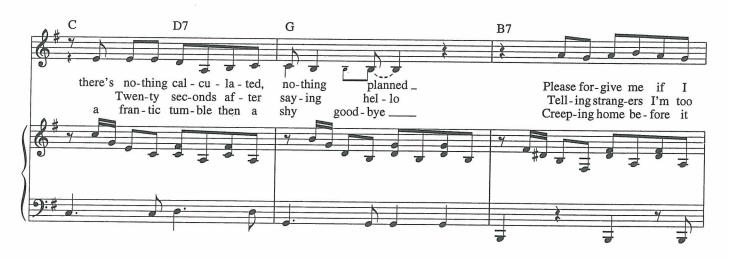


I'D BE SURPRISINGLY GOOD FOR YOU

from Evita









The accompaniment has been written out as a simple suggestion of the style. It's most appropriate for the pianist to improvise in a gentle Latin style.



I WANT TO BE BAD

from Good News

Lyrics and Music by B.G. DeSYLVA, LEW BROWN and RAY HENDERSON









LOOK AT ME, I'M SANDRA DEE

from Grease



^{*} Sung an octave lower than written

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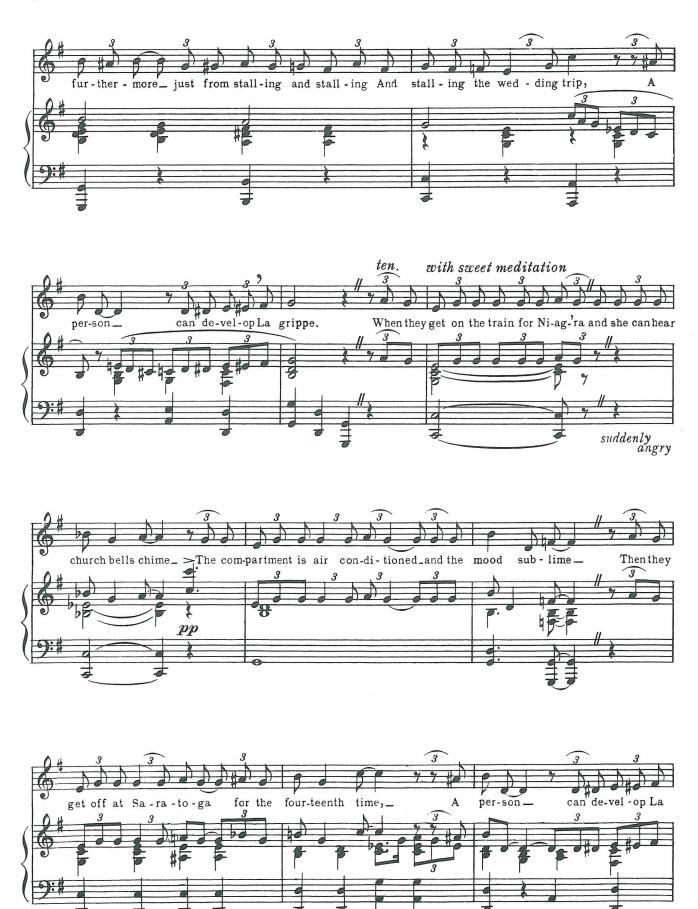


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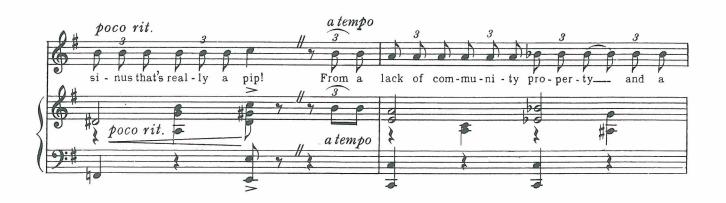
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SMALL WORLD

from Gypsy







PARIS MAKES ME HORNY

from Victor/Victoria

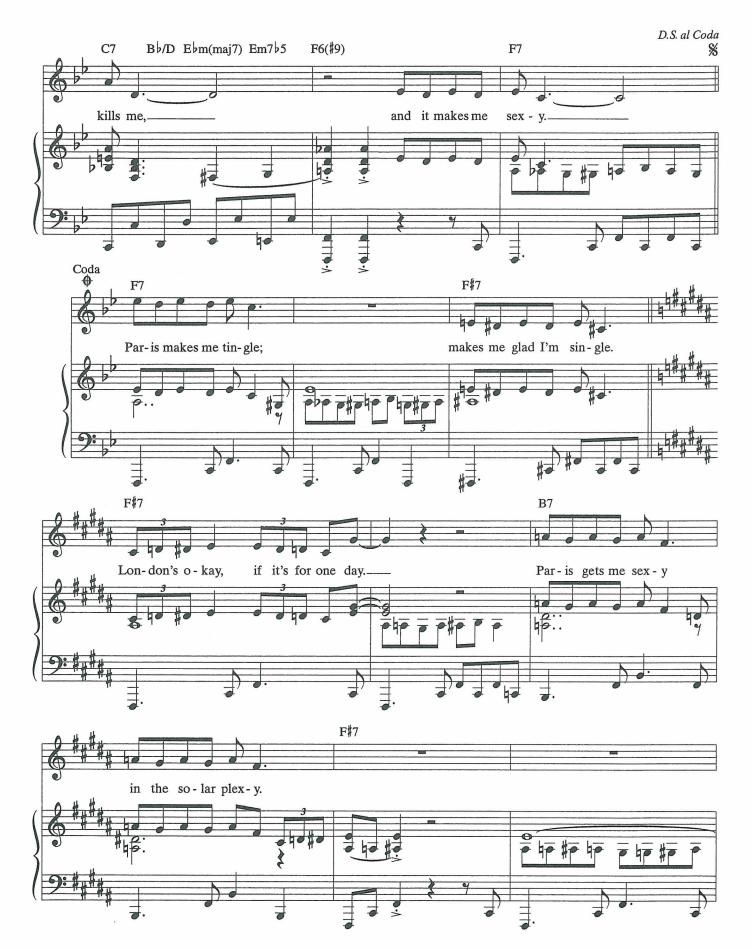
Words by LESLIE BRICUSSE Music by HENRY MANCINI













I NEVER HAS SEEN SNOW

from House of Flowers

Lyrics by TRUMAN CAPOTE and HAROLD ARLEN Music by HAROLD ARLEN







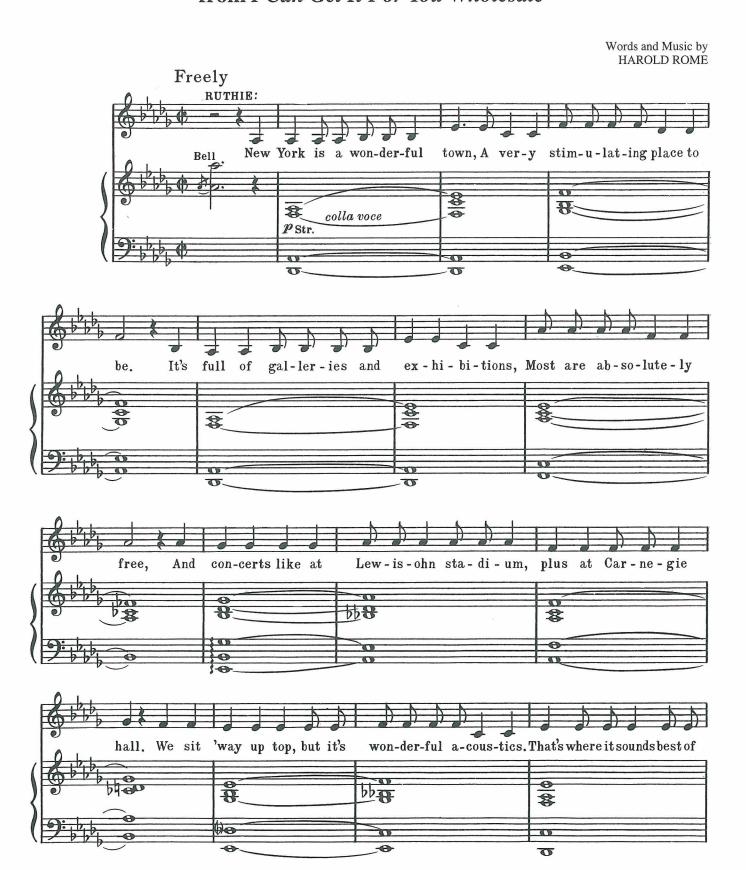






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from I Can Get It For You Wholesale











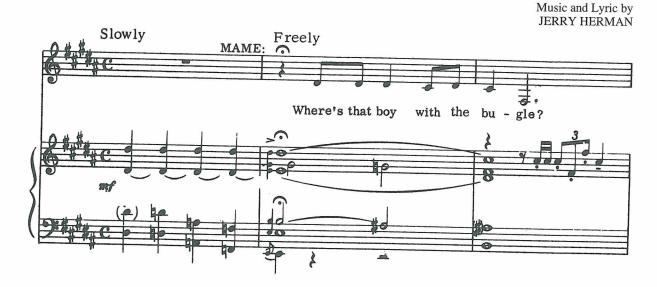


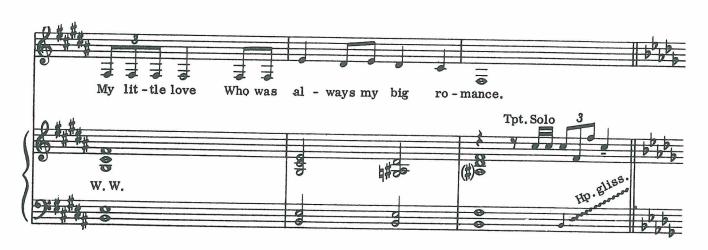


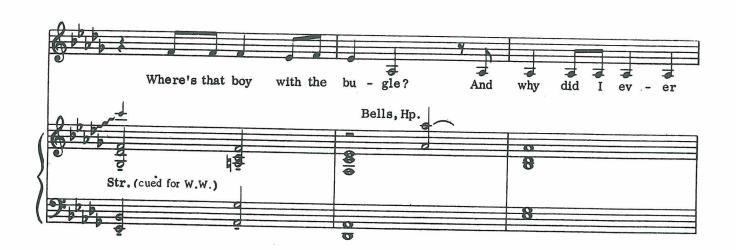


IF HE WALKED INTO MY LIFE

from Mame





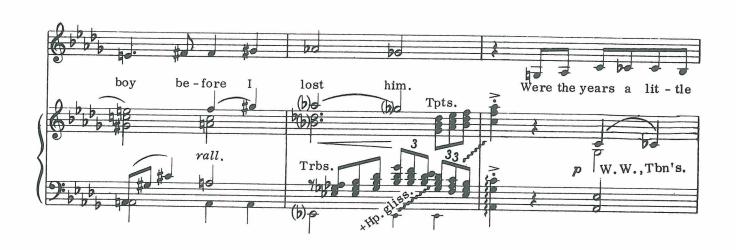




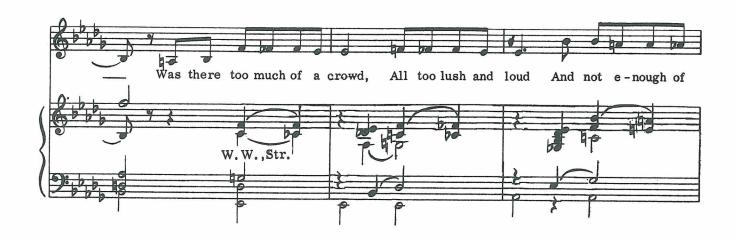


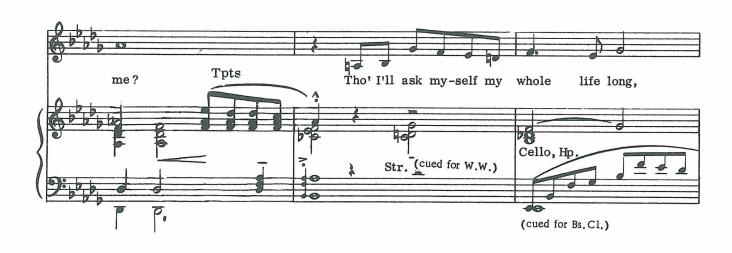


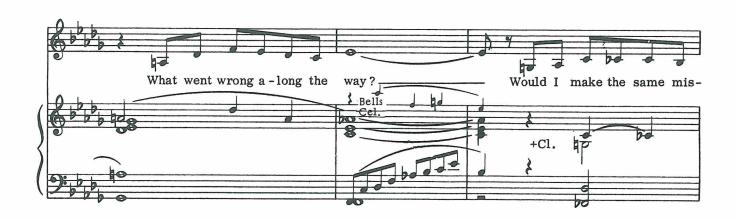
















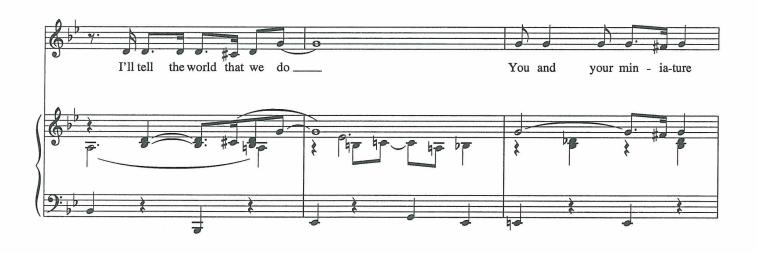


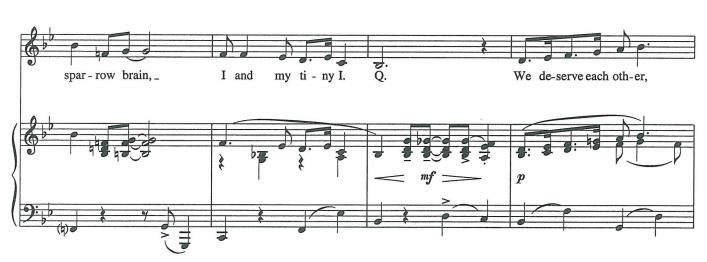
WE DESERVE EACH OTHER

from Me and Juliet

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II Music by RICHARD RODGERS









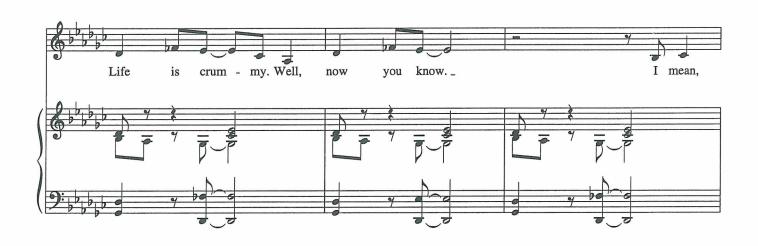


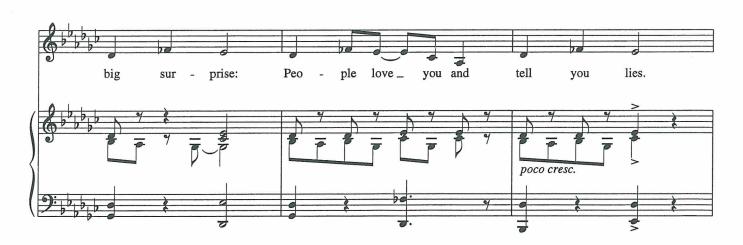
NOW YOU KNOW

from Merrily We Roll Along

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM













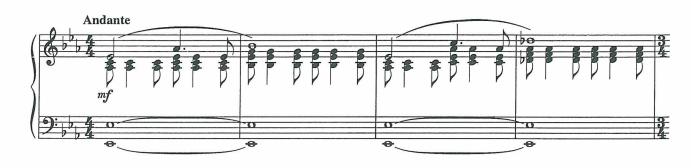


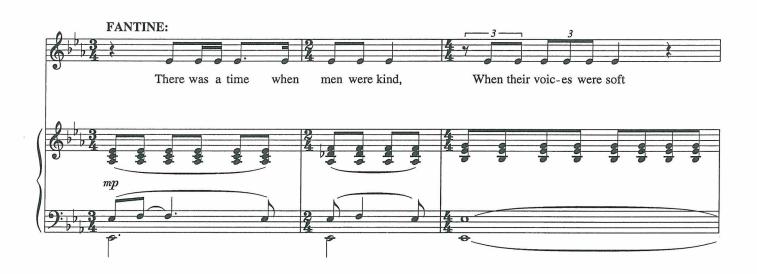


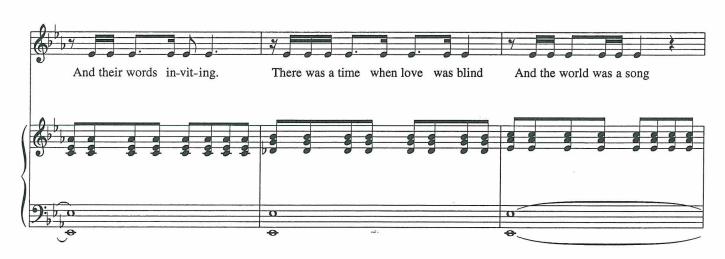
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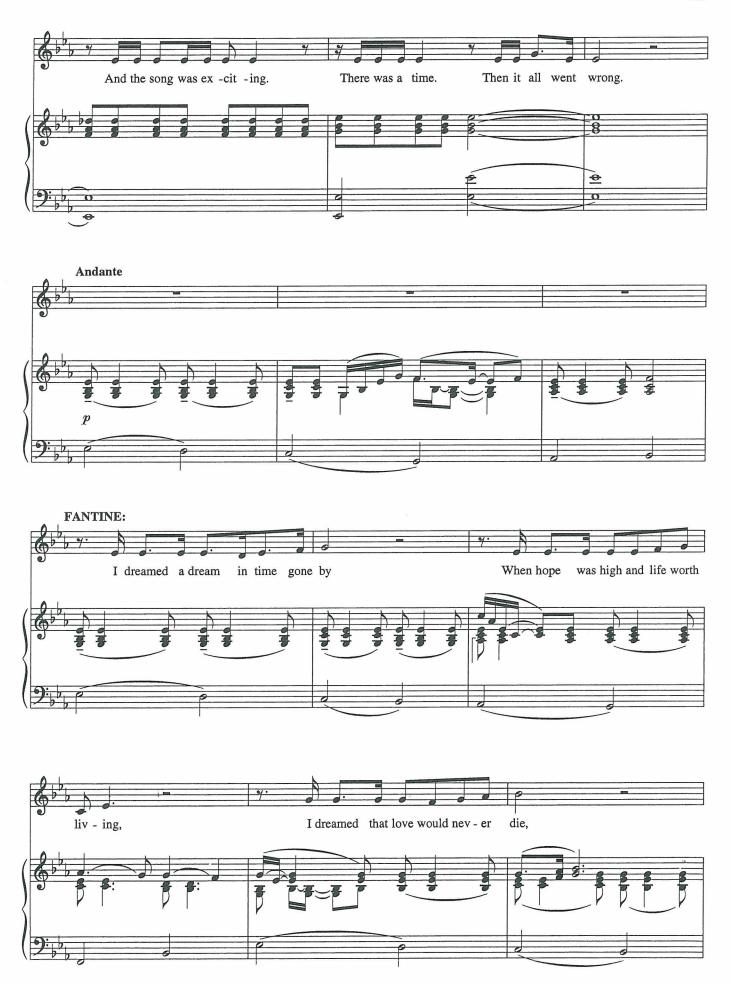
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Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG















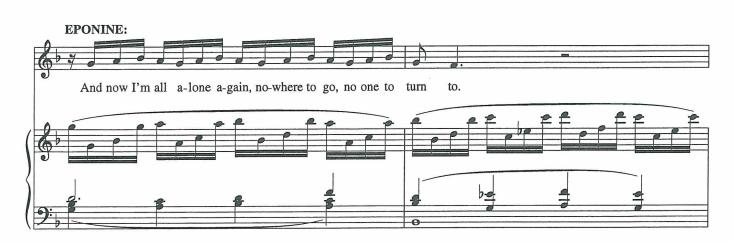


ON MY OWN

from Les Misérables

Lyrics by HERBERT KRETZMER, JOHN CAIRD and TREVOR NUNN Original Text by ALAIN BOUBLIL and JEAN-MARC NATEL Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG















THE WAGES OF SIN

from The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Words and Music by RUPERT HOLMES











MY HUSBAND MAKES MOVIES

from Nine















THE SWEETEST SOUNDS

from No Strings

Lyrics and Music by RICHARD RODGERS



The verse does not appear in the show, but was written by Mr. Rodgers for the song to stand alone.











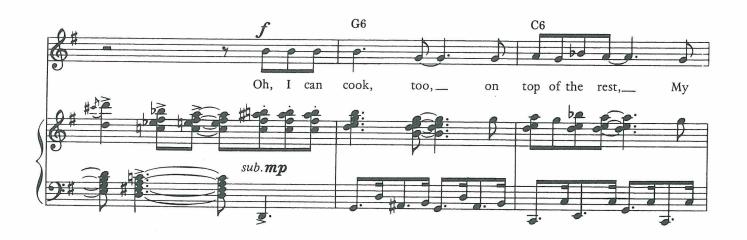
I CAN COOK TOO

from On the Town

Words and Music by LEONARD BERNSTEIN Additional Choruses by BETTY COMDEN and ADOLPH GREEN













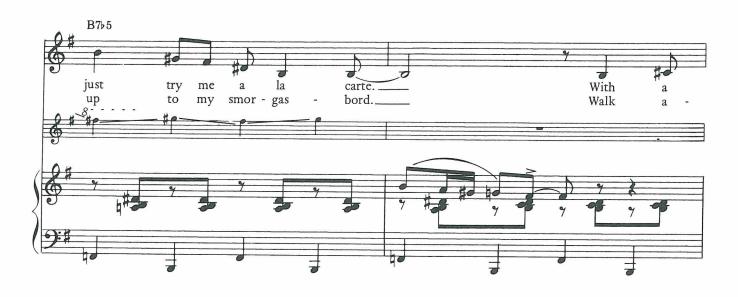


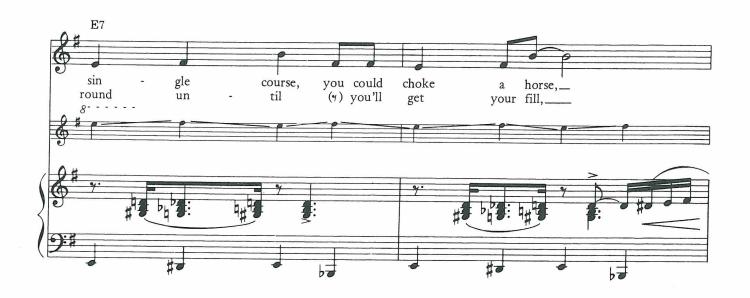


















AS LONG AS HE NEEDS ME

from the Columbia Pictures-Romulus film Oliver!

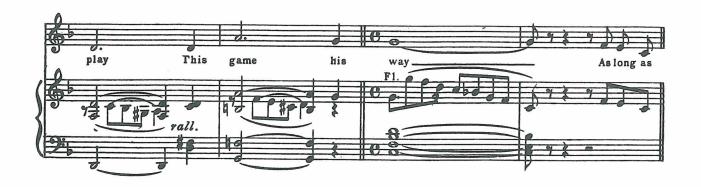


















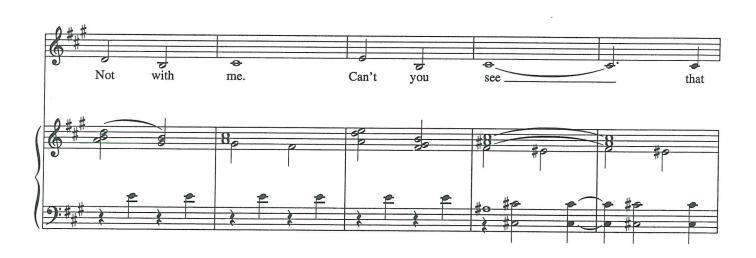


SHY from Once Upon a Mattress

Words by MARSHALL BARER Music by MARY RODGERS























IT'S A HELLUVA WAY TO RUN A LOVE AFFAIR

from Plain and Fancy



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NEVER NEVER LAND

from Peter Pan

Lyrics by BETTY COMDEN and ADOLPH GREEN Music by JULE STYNE









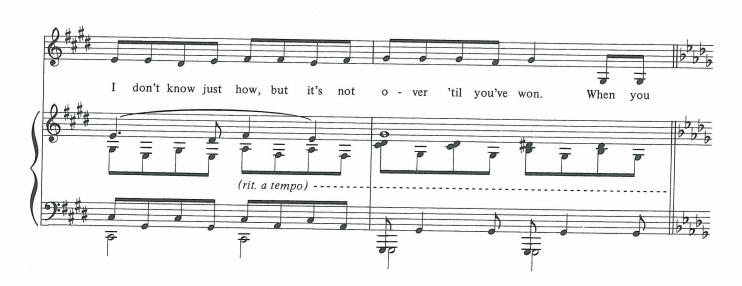
HOLD ON

from The Secret Garden

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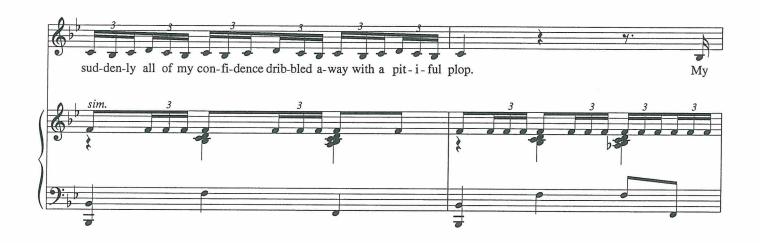
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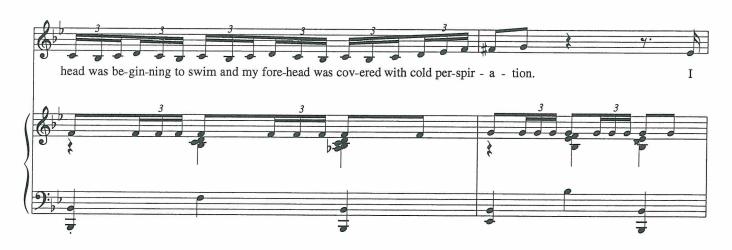
from She Loves Me

Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK Music by JERRY BOCK

MISS RITTER: (Spoken before the introduction) Let me tell you, you've never seen anything like that library. So many books... so much marble... so quiet!



















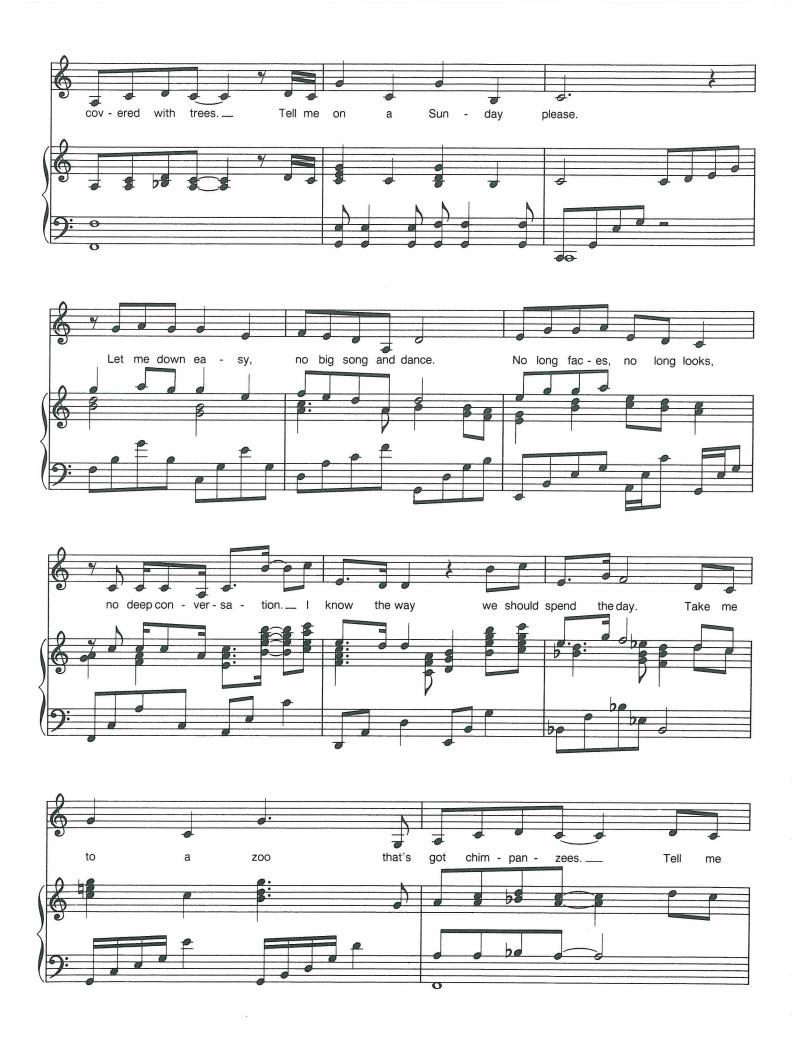


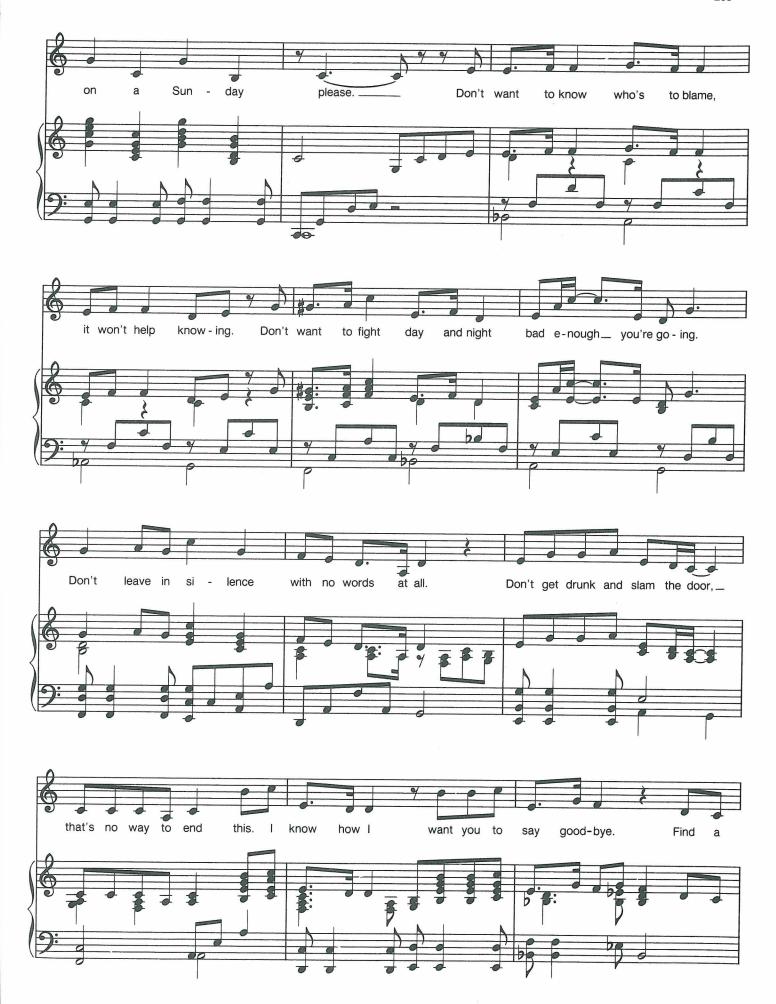


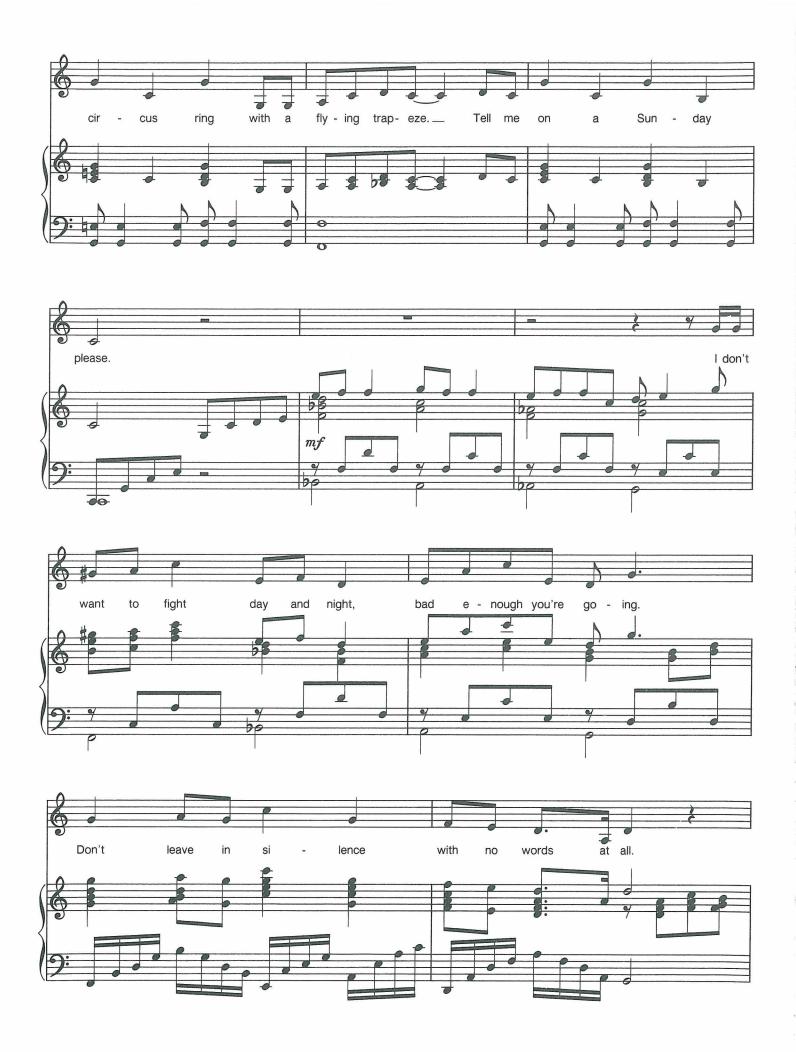
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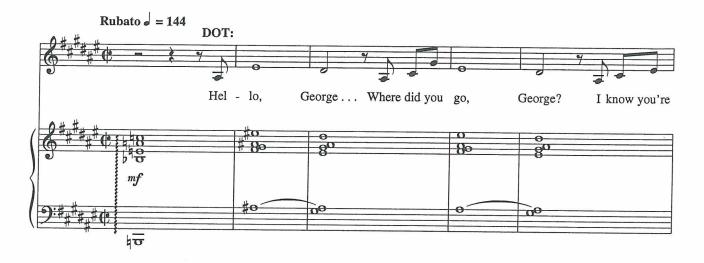


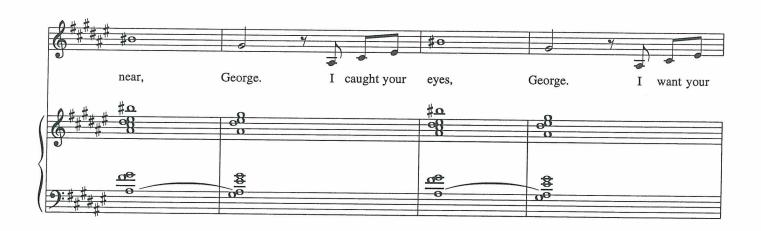


EVERYBODY LOVES LOUIS

from Sunday in the Park with George

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

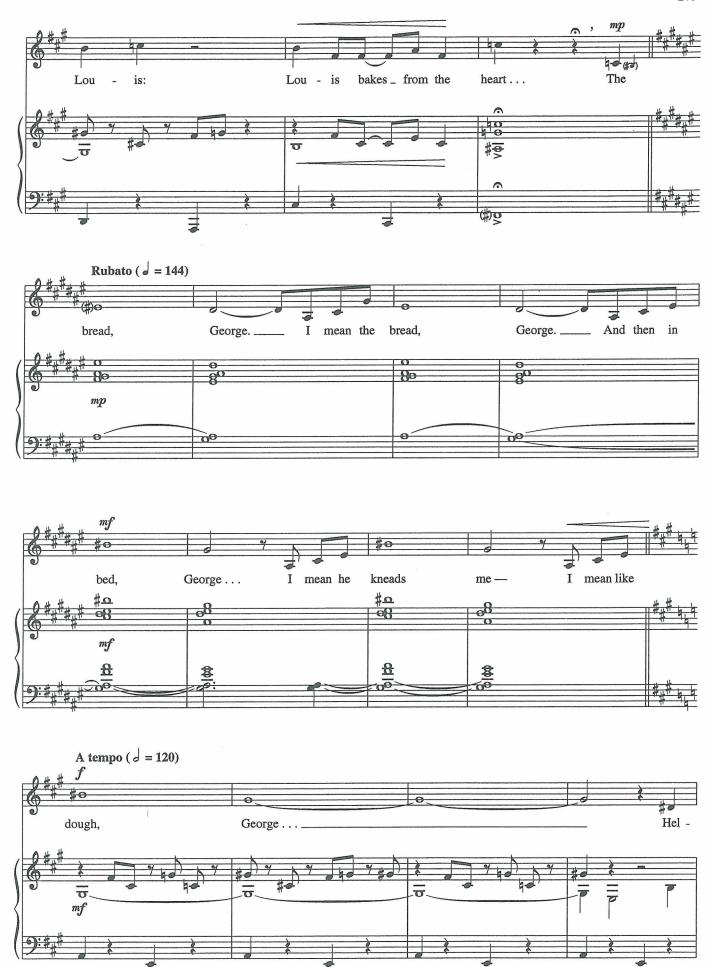
























IF HE REALLY KNEW ME

from They're Playing Our Song

Words by CAROLE BAYER SAGER Music by MARVIN HAMLISCH





